

CENTRALIZED FEATURE PLATFORM IN A PACKETIZED NETWORK

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5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A packetized telecommunication network directs a call that is received at a gateway of the network to connect to a feature platform via the network, which performs a service related to the call, such as an authentication service. After the service is performed, the call is redirected to another location in the network to
10 provide a connection between the gateway and the other location, which connection is independent of the feature platform.